

Bowman House  
(010 Clark Home)  
Audrae, Grimes County, Kansas

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
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Historic American Buildings Survey  
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Bowman House  
(OLD CLARK HOME)  
Anderson, Grimes County, Texas

Owner Herman Kelly

Date of Erection 1830

Architect Unknown

Builder John Bowman

Present Condition Fair

Materials of Construction Frame with rock chimney.

Number of Stories One

Other Existing Records Unknown

Additional Data - Bowman was the original owner of this home and built it in 1830. He was one of the original 64 grantees in Grimes County. He was a close friend of Stephen F. Austin, they having been together in Louisiana in 1811. During the latter part of 1811 Bowman returned to Ky. where he farmed his mother's land until 1813 at which time he moved to Arkansas. In 1821 he left Arkansas and came to Texas and in 1834 he was listed as a qualified voter at San Felipe de Austin. From the first he was active in early politics and in 1827 he was one of the signers of a resolution condemning the Fredonian Rebellion at Nacogdoches. On March 24, 1829 he was appointed lieutenant of the Militia organized in Austin. Not until 1830 did he make application for land. On April 6, 1834 he was granted one league of land near Anderson on which he had already constructed the present house. Soon after Texas gained her Independence Bowman moved to Cherokee County where he died in the late 1870's.

Before Bowman left Anderson he sold his home to Clarke who later in 1861 sold it to Wilson, an Englishman. The property and original house is still owned by Wilson heirs. Herman Kelly of Anderson who occupies it today.

Ref: History of Grimes County by Blair

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